THE REMARKS

The Amendment

New Claims 17-21 are supported by original Claims 12-16, respectively. No new matter is added in any of the amendments.

The Response

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants are electing Group I, Claims 1-11, drawn to a conjugate composition.

In response to the species election requirement, Applicants are electing the following: (a) transmembrane module: homeobox protein HOX-B1 (SEQ ID NO: 1), (b) nuclear localization sequence: PKKKRKV (SEQ ID NO: 3), and (c) signalling and/or drug carrying module: Gd. Claims 1-11 and new Claims 17-21 read on the elected species.

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